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A "SHORT SESSION."

Parliament assembled on January 2nd and is expected to prorogue in May, after a session of four months. After what we have been used to in these years this is a welcome relief as something of a phenomenon. It may even suggest apprehensions that the legislators are overthinking themselves and for the sake of humanity—their own humanity—ought to let up.

Such alarms are not called for, however. The session has been extremely working harder than during previous sessions. They have been working differently though. This year they have been doing business as distinguished from legislation. The session has been dominated by the business and the volume of talk has been reversed. In previous sessions Parliament spent the afternoon and evening in party warfare and put through a good deal of public business in the course of the day, giving up the session the members have been spending the day and evening both in doing the business they are paid to do and with comparatively little delay through inconsequential jangling.

An illustration: the estimates were brought down as early last session as this. But they were held up week after week and month after month until the end of January. This year the debates and branches of the financial service were all put paralyzed.

This substantial progress has been made every day the House went into supply. The supplementary estimates have now been tabled for a week and so far the session has been so brief the government is concerned there will be no reason why prorogation should not be reached next month, if the pace is maintained.

A general desire to promote nothing than delay business has been steadily apparent. Attention has been focused on the matters in hand. History has not been exploited for campaign purposes. The session has been made the medium for libelling political character. Relevant subjects have not been handled in and coined into ammunition for the battles of over-eager partisan. Generally the principles of the session have been tested, but may not be members of Parliament— even opposition members of Parliament—still be gentlemen, an idea that seemed to have few practicals in previous sessions.

The session of public business commands as it is to the Opposition, is also a condemnation of their course during recent sessions. These gentlemen do not claim to be doing their full duty to the public during the session. They are not doing the full and every item of proposed expenditure all the consideration the public interest demands or warrants. Yet the business will in all human probability be done in four months. Worse than this is the desire for protracting a session to six, seven, eight or nine months, when the program is no longer and no more vital! Unless the opposing gentlemen are prepared to allow all that are growing the country's business to remain less than the country has a right to demand from them, they stand solid condemned for having squandered public money by the barrel in the session of the year.

It is not difficult to discover reasons for this change of attitude by the Opposition. A general election was held last fall. The outstanding question is that election was decided in their favor and they stand out of office or not. The reply of the electors left no room for doubt. A half dozen of the less-principled and most persistent will be returned from public life. The Government were returned in a practically unchanged majority. The survivors of the slandering crowd seem for the moment at least to have taken the hint. Partly the "deepening of business" is a political session is to be credited to the electors who interred their decided disapproval of employing as political tactics a course that inevitably brings contempt on the man who resorts to it in private life.

Another item in the election program was whether or not the power to blockade business should be given. The time-wasters found these services to be of little value and withdrew the knowledge of the possible expense which they had put the country, and by a public demand that the country be stopped. That demand the Government could not ignore if they were to be elected. They were supported alone, nor as a partisan proposal. It came also from independent sources and was moved and hinted even by some Opposition members in

the House. To continue this session matter now will be taken with a grain of salt—unless, indeed, their greed for the tactics of last meant the adoption of the closure. The abusers of the fast session gave the United States so much of unadulterated delusion seem to have taken counsel together and can be said they had best gather wicked from public opinion best before fall.

This improved condition of things has led some Opposition journals to the conclusion that the ability of adequate legislative machinery to be had is admitted. That this is undesirable, even one admits. But desirability must wait on necessity, and under the previous condition of things it was better to have a majority of members to add to the difficulties of the minority than to wait for a majority.

The Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly had to suspend operations because of a train with the Government majority board was snow-bound. This shows that Stevens has the right of the matter of session and also illustrates the wisdom of having a majority-large enough to elevate legislative eccentricities.

Premier Whitney says Mr. McKeown has not yet accepted the offer of 2,000,000 acres of farm land. The assumption is superfluous.

YESTERDAY'S VOTE.

The eight money bills for the session's 10th week were yesterday voted by the exceedingly small number of them who turned out to vote. In proportion to the possible vote that cast yesterday was probably smaller than at any previous session.

On each of the bills that might have been voted for the bylaws which brought out the heaviest vote at the various polls, generally the members had voted for the upholding of the bill.

The bill to let open Parliament would do well to make permanent by regulation what has been secured temporally by circumstance. Else a committee of experts will be called to advise on the practice of last session revived and the public business funds advanced while the public business funds are squandered in supposed furtherance of party interest. Repentance in extenuation solidly outlaid the extenuation.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Now that the winter is over Coast exchanges admit that the steamer *Newtonia* was used during the cold months "to keep the Fraser river free from ice." This is jarring to the notion that cold weather never visits the hairy coast.

The Victoria *Times* says: "The disgruntled manager at this port has been considerably increased during the week and now numbers 12 deep water ships available for grain or number of 25,000 tons; on the Sound the bill list numbers 6 vessels of 13,000 tons each." Portland has now a total of 40 for grain or 74 vessels of 47,430 tons. There seems to be room for the development of the grain route all along the line. Then five freight ships will be added to the nine now available.

Take a look at Alberta and British Columbia where supply if it were

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given a chance. If the C. P. R. is anxious to test the practicality of the route as it claims to be the time has come. The shipping line has no excuse and the owners of the grain come have under way with a cargo that would pay running expenses than rotting themselves out at anchor.

The steamer *Kingfish* has returned from a trip of 2,000 miles up the Amazon with a load of railway material from Swanson. The trip is notable both as showing how far the Americans have come in the grain route of South America and also that wherever a vessel can go in this world she is likely to be found loaded with British made goods.

Leaving a tear over the defeat of Dr. Brett in Cochrane, the *Calgary Herald* says he would have been a valuable member of the Legislature of Alberta "whose needs he is so competent to supply." The Dr. runs hot.

The war correspondent's perennial prophecy of "trouble in the Balkans," is also a condemnation of their course during recent sessions. These gentlemen do not claim to be doing their full duty to the public during the session. They are not doing the full and every item of proposed expenditure all the consideration the public interest demands or warrants.

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DRIVEN INSANE BY JOKES.

Plinian in Montreal Theatre Could no Longer Stand Strain.

Montreal, Mar. 26.—The authorities at the Canadian Pacific Railway's grand new terminal experience of a man supplied for papers to have himself committed to an asylum.

It was at first thought he was joking, but he forced the master and his wife to take him to the asylum facilities put through and the man was removed to the asylum for treatment.

The man, an Englishman named Stevens, was rational enough.

He had been asked to remove their saw mill from Fort Saskatchewan to a property about six miles away, and had been given a ranch on the Stony Plain, to cut lumber for the summer. The lumber had to be hauled to the river for shipping.

At the time the disappearance of his saw mill, which had been left there for two weeks before the time Weather was fine and stock looking well.

Reported that the Indians at Bear Hill have forbidden the erection of a train with the Government majority

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The Alberta-Canadian Oil Co.

**CAPITAL STOCK: \$2,000,000.00 divided into 2,000,000 shares
FULLY PAID and NON-ASSESSABLE. PAR VALUE \$1.00 each**

**PRESIDENT: Alvo v. Alvensleben, Vancouver, B. C. (of Alvo v. Alvensleben, Ltd., 500 Hastings St., Vancouver, B. C.)
SECRETARY: Silas M. Shipley, 55 Haller Bldg., Seattle, Wash. GENERAL MANAGER: H. L. Williams, 248 Jasper Avenue West**

THIS COMPANY controls 1120 acres oil lands contiguous to that held by the American Canadian Oil Co. at Morinville, which from all indications is on the eve of striking oil.

NOTE.

At the meeting of stockholders of the American Canadian Oil Co., held in January last in Seattle, on the advice of the President all the remaining unsold stock of the Company was withdrawn from the market, and will not be sold at any price. Since the resumption of boring operations the indications (which in other districts have hitherto been unfailing) have been the cause of considerable pleasure to the Directors, who are confident that their expectations are soon to be realized.

IS IT TO BE WONDERED

that with its vast beds of native asphalt awaiting development; its inexhaustible supply of natural gas, more than sufficient to supply the cities of EDMONTON and STRATHCONA under its 30 years franchise granted last summer, with the signs of the presence of oil as indicated by the drill, that the American Canadian Co. should vote to sell no more stock, and henceforth become a close corporation, keeping the remaining profits for themselves?

THE ONE REMAINING CHANCE

The Alberta Canadian Oil Company controls 1120 acres of oil lands tested and selected because of identically the same oil indications as found in that of the American Canadian Co. The moment oil is struck by American Candian, our stock will, at a conservative estimate, become worth five to ten times its par value.

STOCK FOR 10 CENTS

In order to demonstrate by the drill the actual existence of oil in paying quantities in addition to the present known commodities, viz:—asphaltum and natural gas, we are offering a block of 500,000 shares of our stock at Ten Cents per share. We have put our own money into this proposition and ask you to do so, believing with the Government experts.

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AROUND THE CITY

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Watcher left for the west on Wednesday night. Mrs. Watcher will remain in Lethbridge while Mr. Watcher goes to Toronto for a six weeks' advanced course in engineering.

At the customary concert between the boys and girls of Alberta college last night, Mr. Watcher gave a lecture to have furnished the best and most original program. There was a large number of spectators.

The marriage took place at the McDougall Methodist parsonage on Wednesday afternoon between Charles Archibald, of Spring Lake, to Miss Isabelle Farquharson, of Spring Lake, on March 25. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Marshall.

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Elks Lodge last night elected their officers for the year 1908, at their club room on Jasper Avenue. The members chosen were as follows:

President, W. D. Day.

One-half of the executive committee continuing in office: I. C. Newell, George Stockard and W. A. Mitchell.

New members of the executive committee elected were: T. B. McLean, George L. Grinnan, J. D. M. McIntyre. The secretary and treasurer is chosen by the first regular meeting.

NEW PIPE ORGAN.

What will probably prove to be the finest pipe organ in Edmonton when it arrives was ordered this week from Casavant Freres, of Montreal, Quebec, for the First Presbyterian church of this city. The instrument is a three manual organ, and is to be built by a firm whose reputation as organ builders is second to none on the continent. The organ will be built in Canada at a cost of five thousand dollars. It is expected that the new organ will be installed in the course of a few months.

The purchasing of the organ was the result of a series of meetings and subscriptions which met with excellent success. Their action was followed by a meeting of the church members in January and a committee consisting of Messrs. McLean, Jackson, H. C. MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, representing the congregation, and Wm. Short and G. H. Harcourt, representing the organ builders, who were appointed to complete arrangements. It is expected that when a complete account of the organ will be entered amount will be subscribed.

A CHECKED CAREER.

The little Jap, Jon Otto with six aliases, who was brought up to Alberta particularly a few days ago for a two year term, has been a checked career during the past twelve months. Early last spring he visited Medicine Hat and then went to Lethbridge, where he was known as Quon Quay, a Chinaman, on false pretenses. Otto represented himself as a Chinese merchant, and engaged in a few aliases business in Calgary. He wished to be explained to, so he went to St. George's church, and was given a place to stay at the strength of the church, and was given a place to stay at the value of \$1. Shortly afterwards the Jap was discovered and was captured, tried and sentenced to the British Columbia Penitentiary. He was found to be serving a gaol term of 18 months. After his months in duration, and he was serving a number of months in the Edmonton Police. He was brought east and tried before Magistrate Keay and sentenced to two years in the provincial penitentiary.

RABIES IN THE SOUTH.

Word has come from the City of Police Lancey yesterday that the attack of rabies among the dogs of the south has been checked. It was thought, been wiped out after a large number of the canines of these towns had been captured and exchanged, speaking of the master, has the following: "Considerable alarm has been created in the community by the discovery that several dogs have been troubled with rabies or hydrocephalus, and that the disease has been seen in town in the past few days in regard to the master. Dogs have been seen to attack other dogs and other dogs and breathing at the mouth. The veterinary pronounced it rabies, and the dogs must be shot. The dogs must be adopted to stop the disease. The master has issued an order that all dogs must be shot. All dogs found running at large will be shot. Chief Constable and Mayor have been advised that the dogs have been buried. It will now be up to the master to see that the order is carried out, and the first symptom of anything wrong should be reported to the master. The master will be held responsible for any damage that may be done to the master's property as they are in the old country during an epidemic of the kind, there were no laws to stop the disease. The master will be guaranteed probably for some months.

THE WEATHER.

The weather throughout the prairie provinces has been mild during the day time, but has turned colder at night. Snow has fallen in eastern Saskatchewan and in parts of Manitoba.

Forecast: Manitoba, general fair and moderately cold during the day, and a light snowfall at night.

Saskatchewan and Alberta: Fair to cloudy during the day, and a light snowfall at night.

The mean temperature in the various centres yesterday was:

Edmonton (clear)..... 38°

Calgary (clear)..... 37°

Lethbridge (clear)..... 37°

Medicine Hat (clear)..... 37°

Winnipeg (clear)..... 37°

Prince Albert (clear)..... 39°

Sask. City (cloudy)..... 38°

Regina (cloudy)..... 38°

Winnipeg (cloudy)..... 38°

Port Arthur (cloudy)..... 38°

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Sorel left last night by the C.N.R. for Toronto and other eastern cities.

A. Buchanan, M.P.P. for Lethbridge, in the city, registered at the Yale. Mr. Buchanan will go to returning to Lethbridge. In the Lethbridge election, which was one of Donald McNab, late member, who was an independent, lost his deposit. Mr. Buchanan, late member, candidate, was the second man.

DRILL RESUMED.

The drill for recruits of the 101st Flanders was resumed last night in the hall of the 101st Flanders. The hall was a large number of new members present and the prospects are excellent for the future. The 101st Flanders will be returning to Lethbridge on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

Christian Science, 778 First Street, will have its first meeting on Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

Evangelical Free Church, 1015 First Street, will have its first meeting on Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

Salvation Army Barracks, Fraser Avenue, every evening at 8 p.m.

Wesley Methodist Church, Mr. Coulthard, Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday school at 9 a.m.

The pastor will preach at 7 p.m.

Greenwood Methodist, Mr. H. H. Hager, pastor.

Christian Science, 778 First Street, every evening at 8 p.m.

Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

German Baptist, 2010 10th Street, pastor.

Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

First Presbyterian, 1015 First Street, pastor.

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St. John's First United Lutheran Church, 1015 First Street, pastor.

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German Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1015 First Street, pastor.

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Methodist, 1015 First Street, pastor.

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Wesley Methodist, 1015 First Street, pastor.

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